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SUBJ: INQUIRY ON IMPORTATION OF WEAPONS FOR GUN COLLECTORS TO  
SWITZERLAND

REF: A) BERN 4435; B) STATE 260346

1. EMBASSY APPROACHED BY MR ROBERT M FURTER, ENGELGASSE  
22, 4052 BASEL, SWITZERLAND, CONCERNING IMPORTATION OF FOUR  
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS TO SWITZERLAND. FURTER IS LAWYER REPRESENTING  
SEVERAL SWISS GUN COLLECTORS IN IMPORTING THREE THOMPSON  
SUBMACHINE GUNS, MODEL 1921/28, AND ONE SMITH AND WESSON MODEL  
M76 SUBMACHINE GUN FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT ORDNANCE CO., MERRILL  
LYNCH BUILDING, 255 E. HANCOCK AGVE., ATHENS, GA. ACCORDING  
FURTER, ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED END 1975 -  
EARLY 1976, BUT HE THUS FAR UNABLE SECURE APPROVAL FROM US  
GOVT THIS TRANSACTION.

2. DEPT WILL RECALL PREVIOUS CASE HANDLED FOR SWISS  
COLLECTORS BY FURTER (REFTELS) IN WHICH FURTER IMPORTED  
TWELVE THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS PURCHASED FROM NUMRICH ARMS  
CORP. TO SWITZERLAND ON BEHALF SWISS GUN COLLECTORS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY BY TELEGRAM  
OF CURRENT STATUS THIS CASE.

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